(a) the areas under foodgrain and cash crop during the last year and current year alongwith their production;

(b) whether the area under foodgrain cultivation has decreased during the current rabi season as compared to last year but the area under oilseeds and cash crops has increased;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the area under foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Final estimates of area and production of foodgrains and other major cash crops for 1991-92 have not yet become due from the States. However, the area and production of foodgrains and other major cash crops for 1990-91 and 1989-90 are given in the Table below;

Crops	*Area (Million hectares)*		*Production (Million Tonnes)*	
	1990-91	*1989-90*	*1990-91*	*1989-90*
Foodgrains	127.5	126.8	176.2	171.0
Oilseeds	24.0	22.8	18.5	16.9
Sugarcane	3.7	3.4	240.3	225.6
Fibers	8.5	8.7	3.3	3.5

(b) to (d). As per the current information available, the area under the foodgrain crops during the current rabi seasons has decreased and that of oilseeds particularly rapseed and mustard increased. The reason may be purely due to the non-availability of optimum soil moisture at the time of sowing because of early withdrawal of monsoon from most of the States of the country. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has always laid emphasis on the increase in productivity as there is not sufficient scope in increasing the area. The schemes under implementation for increasing the productivity of foodgrain crops are as follows;

1. Special Foodgrain production programme (SFPP) - Wheat, pulses and maize and Millets.

2. Integrated programme for Rice Development (IPRD)

3. National pulses Development Programme (NPDP).

[*English*]

Foodgrain Stock

• 2746. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita production and consumption of cereals and pulses during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the stock position of foodgrains at present;

(c) whether is it sufficient to meet the internal requirement; and

(d) if not, the manner in which Government propose to meet the shortage of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAYPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The per capita production and per capita net availability of cereals and pulses during the last three years has been estimated as under;

(Kgs/year)

Year	*per capita production*		*Per capita net availability*	
	Total Cereals	*Pulses*	*Total Cereals*	*Pulses*
1989(P)	191.3	17.0	165.2	15.3
1990 (p)	190.0	15.5	157.9	15.1
1991 (p)	190.9	16.6	171.6	14.5

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(b) to (d). the stocks of foodgrains (rice and Wheat) with the public agencies as on 1.2.1992 were 14.5 million tonnes, which are considered adequate to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distraction Systems

Betal Leaf production

2747. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Places in the country where betal leaf is grown; and

(b) the production of betal leaf during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Betelvine is grown in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Pondicherry and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Betalvine is a non-fore-cast crop and not covered by the Department of Economics and Statistics for collection of State-wise statistics. Hence, official estimates on production are not available.

[*Translation*]

Centenary Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedker

2748. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have extended the celebration period of Dr. B.R. Ambedakar Centenary Year upto April 14, 1992;

(b) if so, whether Dr. B.R. Ambedakar Birth Centenary Year Celebration Committee has been reconstituted by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are given in the Statement attached.

(d) Question does not arise.